

RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
COVID-19 Inmate Vaccination Rounds
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The Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC) is proud to be able to offer the COVID vaccine to everyone incarcerated at the Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI). The vaccine offers a path to normalcy and is strongly encouraged among staff, correctional officers and those currently incarcerated. RIDOC has a limited amount of vaccine so we are prioritizing those at higher risk of severe disease to get the vaccine first.

In order to be as efficient as possible in how we deliver the vaccine, the following rounds will serve as **guidelines** for vaccine distribution:

Round 1 (initiated on 12/26): All inmates at high-risk for severe disease *who have not previously tested positive in the last 90 days*, including:

- Aged 65 or older
- Immunocompromised
- Aged 55 or older with high blood pressure, kidney disease, diabetes, COPD/asthma or other significant illness

Round 2 (initiated 12/31): Inmates residing in smaller facilities where complete vaccination is possible. This includes all individuals *who have not previously tested positive in the last 90 days* living in:

- Minimum Security
- High Security
- Maximum Security
- Women's Facility

Round 3: Inmates:

- At Medium Security *who have not previously tested positive in the past 90 days*, with a priority for those aged 50 or older, or having illnesses
AND
- Sentenced inmates at the Intake Service Center *who have not tested positive in the past 90 days*.

Future Rounds: Future rounds of vaccine will depend on the supply amount. We will continue to offer vaccine first to:

- Inmates with risk factors (including age or other illnesses)
- Inmates who have not tested positive for COVID in the past 90 days
- Anyone in Round 1 – 3 that originally refused to get the vaccine, but now would like to get it
- Inmates that are likely to receive the second dose of vaccine while incarcerated

RIDOC plans to offer vaccine to all inmates that want it, even those who previously tested positive for COVID.

If you think you are at high-risk for severe COVID infection but have not been offered the vaccine, please submit a Sick Call slip to be added to the list.